

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1-20. (canceled)

21. (currently amended) A method of displaying content recommendations to a user, the method comprising:

providing a content recommendation to the user upon detecting, ~~in response to the detection of~~ a channel change event, the channel change event associated with the user selecting a channel ~~a content recommendation;~~ and

allowing ~~[[a]]~~ the user to selectively view the recommended content or content associated with a newly selected of the selected channel, wherein the content recommendation is provided to the user prior to allowing the user to view the content of the selected channel.

22. (previously presented) The method of claim 21, wherein the content recommendation is provided using one or more of a rating engine, recommendation engine and profile engine.

23. (currently amended) The method of claim 21, wherein the providing the content recommendation comprises:

generating at least one recommendation of local or remote content.

24. (currently amended) A method of providing to a user a user perceptible indicator of available content, the method comprising:

monitoring content viewed by a plurality of users, wherein the plurality of users is pre-selected by the user;

based on the content viewed by the plurality of users, generating the user perceptible indicator of at least a portion of the content viewed by the plurality of users, wherein the generating occurs at a change in system state; and

~~allowing providing for interaction of the user to interact~~ with the user perceptible indicator.

25. (previously presented) The method of claim 24, wherein the monitoring comprises:

detecting content viewed by a subset of the plurality of users.

26. (previously presented) The method of claim 25, wherein the change in system state comprises activation of a client device.

27. (previously presented) The method of claim 25, wherein the change in system state comprises activation of a television viewing system or set top box associated with the user.

28. (previously presented) The method of claim 25, wherein the change in system state comprises a channel change event.

29. (previously presented) The method of claim 25, wherein the interacting further comprises:

responding to signals generated by a user-operated remote control device.

30. (currently amended) A system for displaying content recommendations to a viewer, the system comprising:

means for detecting when a viewer selects a channel for viewing ~~changes channels~~;

means for providing a content recommendation upon detecting user's selection of the channel ~~responsive to a detection of a channel change event~~; and

means for allowing the viewer to ~~select~~ selectively view the recommended content or content of the selected channel, wherein the content recommendation is provided to the user prior to allowing the user to view the content of the selected channel.

31. (currently amended) A system for providing to a user a user perceptible indicator of available content, the system comprising:

means for receiving at least one recommendation of available content, the at least one recommendation being based on content viewed by a plurality of users, wherein the plurality of users has been pre-selected by the user;

means for generating ~~[[a]]~~ the user perceptible indicator of the recommended content ~~in response to upon detecting~~ a change in system state; and

means for allowing the user to interact with the user perceptible indicator.

32. (previously presented) The system of claim 31, wherein the change in system state comprises activation of a client device.

33. (previously presented) The system of claim 31, wherein the change in system state comprises activation of a television viewing system or set top box associated with the user.

34. (previously presented) The system of claim 31, wherein the change in system state comprises a channel change event.

35. (new) The system of claim 34, wherein the change channel event is associated with the user selecting a new channel and wherein the user perceptible indicator is configured to allow the user to selectively view the recommended content or content of the new channel.

36. (new) The system of claim 35, wherein the user perceptible indicator is provided to the user prior to allowing the user to view the content of the new channel.

37. (new) The system of claim 30, wherein the content recommendation comprises at least one recommendation of local or remote content.